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In re the Application of:

SAITOH, et al.

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For:

NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR BEARING THE

GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE THEREOF

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 7, 2006

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 6, 2006, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 25, 26, 32, 33, 39-41, and 44.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. X A petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection was filed on August 7, 2006.
- 2. A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
- 3. X Fee -\$500.00.
 - X Enclosed (This paper is filed in triplicate.)

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed necessary by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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